



Agenda Item Number: 2005-9-6A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: September 13, 2005

Department: Housing **Staff Contact:** Richard G. Chavez, Housing Director
Julie M. Baca, Deputy County Manager for
Community Services Division

TITLE: Certification of Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP)

ACTION: Motion to approve:

1. Administrative Resolution **AR** **-2005** Public Housing Assessment System Certification.
2. Administrative Resolution **AR** **-2005** Section 8 Management Assessment Program Certification.

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) monitors all local Public Housing programs. The two primary assessment programs are the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). HUD requires a resolution from local elected officials certifying the documents.

- The PHAS is used to evaluate the performance of public housing authorities (PHAs) in major areas of management operations of Public Housing facilities. The PHAS allows the Housing Department to practice accountability monitoring and risk analysis and enables the Department to monitor performance in program areas most susceptible to fraud, waste and mismanagement. The proposed resolution is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- The SEMAP is designed to assess the Section 8 tenant-based assistance programs. SEMAP establishes a system for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to measure all public housing authorities (PHAs) performance in key Section 8 program areas to ensure program integrity and accountability. SEMAP provides procedures for HUD to identify PHAs management capabilities and deficiencies in order to target monitoring and program assistance more effectively. PHAs can use the SEMAP performance analysis as a management tool to improve program operations.

The Bernalillo County Housing Department (BCHD) is required to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by September 15, 2005, the attached PHAS Certification and SEMAP Certification for fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Online PHAS Management Operations Certification
2. PHAS Certification Resolution **AR -2005**
3. Online SEMAP Certification
4. SEMAP Certification Resolution **AR -2005**

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this certification will not impact the County General Fund or the Housing Department's Administrative Fees. No monies are involved in this certification.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**COUNTY MANAGER**

This is a HUD requirement for PHAS and SEMAP. I recommend Board approval. TL9/7/2005

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

I recommend Board approval of the online PHAS Management Operations Certification and the online SEMAP Certification in order to comply with HUD requirements. Julie M. Baca
9/5/2005

LEGAL

Resolution approved as to form. JSL 8/24/05

FINANCE

Budget There is no fiscal impact with the action of the agenda. Priscilla L. Gutierrez,
Budget Analyst Sr. 8/24/2005